

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-8, 10, 11 and 13-15 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 10 is amended to incorporate allowable features recited in claim 6. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the application based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action states on pages 5 and 6, that claims 1, 4-8 and 13-15 are allowed. Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 1, 4-8 and 13-15. Claim 10 is amended based on the indicated allowance of claim 6.

The Office Action rejects claims 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over JP-A-2002-304102 to Hara et al. (hereinafter "Hara") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,689,759 to Isemura et al. (hereinafter "Isemura"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

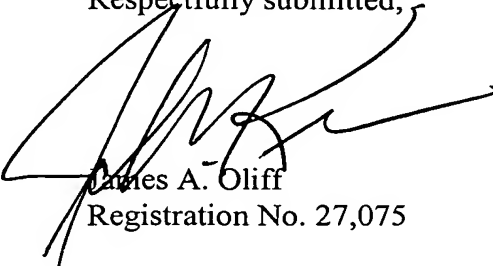
Claim 10 is amended to recite the combination of allowable features recited in claim 6. Therefore, claim 10 is in condition for allowance. Claim 11 is in condition for allowance at least for this claims dependence on an allowed base claim as well as for the separately patentable features that this claim recites.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hara in view of Isemura are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 10 and 11, in addition to the allowance of claims 1, 4-8 and 13-15, are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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